

## SUMMARY

HA-1520  
William A. Bodt House  
3024 Churchville Road  
Churchville, Maryland 21028

The William A. Bodt House comprises four distinct parts, with few clues to which one was built first. All sections are frame covered in asbestos siding: the 2-1/2 story section on the east with machine sawn joists in the basement may have been built last--perhaps by Christopher DeSwan around 1882; the center section with log basement joists was probably built by George Hoey between 1847 and 1849 and, thus, is one of the few structures remaining in Churchville from the early phase of Churchville's development. (See HA-115,116).

The house is known locally as William A. Bodt's house. Bodt purchased it between 1900 and 1902 and owned a cannery on the south side of Churchville Road. The frame outbuildings west of the house were used for his dairy farming operations.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

William A. Bodt House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

3024 Churchville Road (north side Md. Rte. 22, east of Glenville Road) near Churchville

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

COUNTY

**3 CLASSIFICATION****CATEGORY**

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☒ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

**PRESENT USE**

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mr. &amp; Mrs. Pasquale Cornacchione

Telephone #:

727 W. Ring Factory Road

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

Maryland <sup>STATE</sup> 21014 zip code**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

Maryland <sup>STATE</sup> 21014**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

HA-1500

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Located on the north side of Churchville Road, east of Glenville Road, this frame house with asbestos siding consists of a myriad of gable-roofed additions with no clue as to which section was the one being added on to.

The conglomerate structure faces south and is basically el-shaped; windows generally have narrow beaded trim and 6/6 sash in the lower stories, 3/3 in the upper stories. Set on a raised stuccoed stone foundation: the south side of the ell comprises two parts: (1) on the east, a 2-1/2 story, two bay by two bay section with an entrance in the first story center bay of both the north and south sides and a stuccoed chimney in the east end. A shed-roofed addition extends across the second floor west bay of the north side. (2) On the west a 1-1/2 story two bay by two bay section, whose north and south sides are flush with those of the section to the east. A brick chimney with corbelled cap is located in the west end. A shed-roofed porch spans the north side of this section, a hip-roofed porch with carved triangular brackets stretches across the east bay of the south side and the full south side of the east section.

The west leg of the ell consists of a one story, shed-roofed addition connecting a 1-1/2 story gable-roofed structure to the north which appears to have been a separate building originally, to the southern building. This building faces east with an entrance in the east side and has a shed-roofed porch that abuts the porch on the north side of the southwest section.

The interior has been re-arranged substantially, except for the basement, where the joists in the east section are machine-sawn, in the center section are full logs, and in the west section are hand-hewn.

### Addendum

A bulkhead basement entrance into the West end of the middle section is visible in the cellar under the West, one-story shed-roofed section. This certainly indicates that the latter was built after the Center section.

During a second visit to the house in July, 1980, the owners who had remodelled the house indicated several changes they had made: now blocked up and rendered invisible by the siding is a window in the westernmost bay of the East section on both the North and the South sides. This would have given that facade a symmetrical arrangement. There was also a door in the South side of the middle section, so that unit would have had an independent front entrance.

The 2-story structure on the North has no staircase (i.e. no access to the second floor) and a stove flue, according to the owners.

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## PERIOD

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

## SPECIFIC DATES

## BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

At least part of this house was built by 1858 when "C DSwan" is listed on the Jennings & Herrick Map as owning a house in this location. (A stair plank with the date "1857" and the name "CH James" was found by the owners in the easternmost section). Christopher DeSwan, Jr. had purchased 30 acres of "Hoey's Purchase" for \$1050 in 1849.<sup>1</sup> Described as the place where Hoey resides, he in turn had purchased the 30 acres from Mary Ann Smith in 1847 for \$300.<sup>2</sup> The discrepancy in the sale price in just two years probably indicates the erection of a structure. A \$1000 mortgage taken out by Christopher DeSwan in 1882 suggests the erection of another portion.<sup>3</sup> In 1892 he deeded the property to his son, Christopher H. DeSwan,<sup>4</sup> and when he died in 1894, it was sold to Maud and William Gorsuch.<sup>5</sup>

The house is known locally as William A. Bodt's House. He purchased 61 acres for \$2000 from Frederick and Edward Bodt in 1900<sup>6</sup> and 30 acres for \$2500 from Maud R. and William S. Gorsuch in 1902.<sup>7</sup> William Bodt was a canner with a cannery located on the south side of Churchville Road (where the movie theatre is located now). The barns were used for his dairy, farming operation. Like the Briggman & Harlan Houses (HA-115 & 116), at least part of ~~it~~ <sup>the structure</sup> belongs to the earlier phase of Churchville's development; of which there are few remnants besides those.

1. Liber HDG 34, Folio 448.
2. Liber HDG 33, Folio 321.
3. Liber ALJ 45, Folio 256.
4. Liber WSF 74, Folio 399.
5. Liber WSF 100, Folio 386.
6. Liber WSF 100, Folio 350.
7. Liber WSF 104, Folio 1.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Land, Will and Equity Records of Harford County  
 1858 Jennings & Herrick Map  
 1878 Martenet's Map  
 Interview with Cloyce Bodt 11/79  
 Interview with Mrs. Cornacchione 2/80

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Natalie Shivers, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Historic District Commission of Harford County

DATE

6/80

STREET & NUMBER

45 South Main Street

TELEPHONE

838-6000 X207

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland 21014

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
 (301) 267-1438

WILLIAM A. BODT

Title Search

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1. 508/465	August 19, 1958	Grantor: Floyd E. & Sally Rose Grantee: Pasquale J. & Dolores T. Cornacchione Acreage: 18.54 Acres
2. GRG 334/29	August 16, 1949	Grantor: Kent R. Farrell, widower Carl & Eva Grace Todd Grantee: Floyd E. & Sallie Rose Acreage: 20 Acres
3. GRG 323/264	November 22, 1948	Grantor: Red Gilmer Nelson & wife, Sarah Jane Grantee: Kent R. Ferrell & Carl Todd Acreage: 100 Acres
4. GRG 312/25	January 9, 1948	Grantor: Grover C. & Annie E. Greer Grantee: Red Gilmer Nelson & wife Sarah Jane Acreage: 100 Acres
5. SWC 223/44	February 24, 1932	Grantor: Grover C. Greer, et al, Exec. (Will of Mary E. Greer CHR 18/297; d. June 8, 1928) Grantee: Grover C. Greer Sum: \$13,000 Acreage: 100 Acres
6. DGW 193/205	May 25, 1925	Grantor: Grover C. & Annie E. Greer Grantee: Wm. C. & Mary E. Greer Acreage: "Stony Ridge", "Paca's Enlargement" = 100.097 Acres
7. DGW 191/358	February 12, 1925	Grantor: Wilburn G. & Zollie O. Thompson Grantee: Grover C. Greer Acreage: "Stony Ridge", "Paca En- largement" = 100.097 Acres
8. DGW 178/14	March 1, 1922	Grantor: Wm. A. & Annie A. Bodt Grantee: Wilburn G. & Zolie O. Thompson Acreage: "Stony Ridge", "Paca's Enlargement" = 100.097 Acres
9A. WSF 104/1	January 2, 1902	Grantor: Maud R. & Wm. S. Gorsuch Grantee: Wm. A. Bodt Sum: \$2500 Acreage: 30 Acres

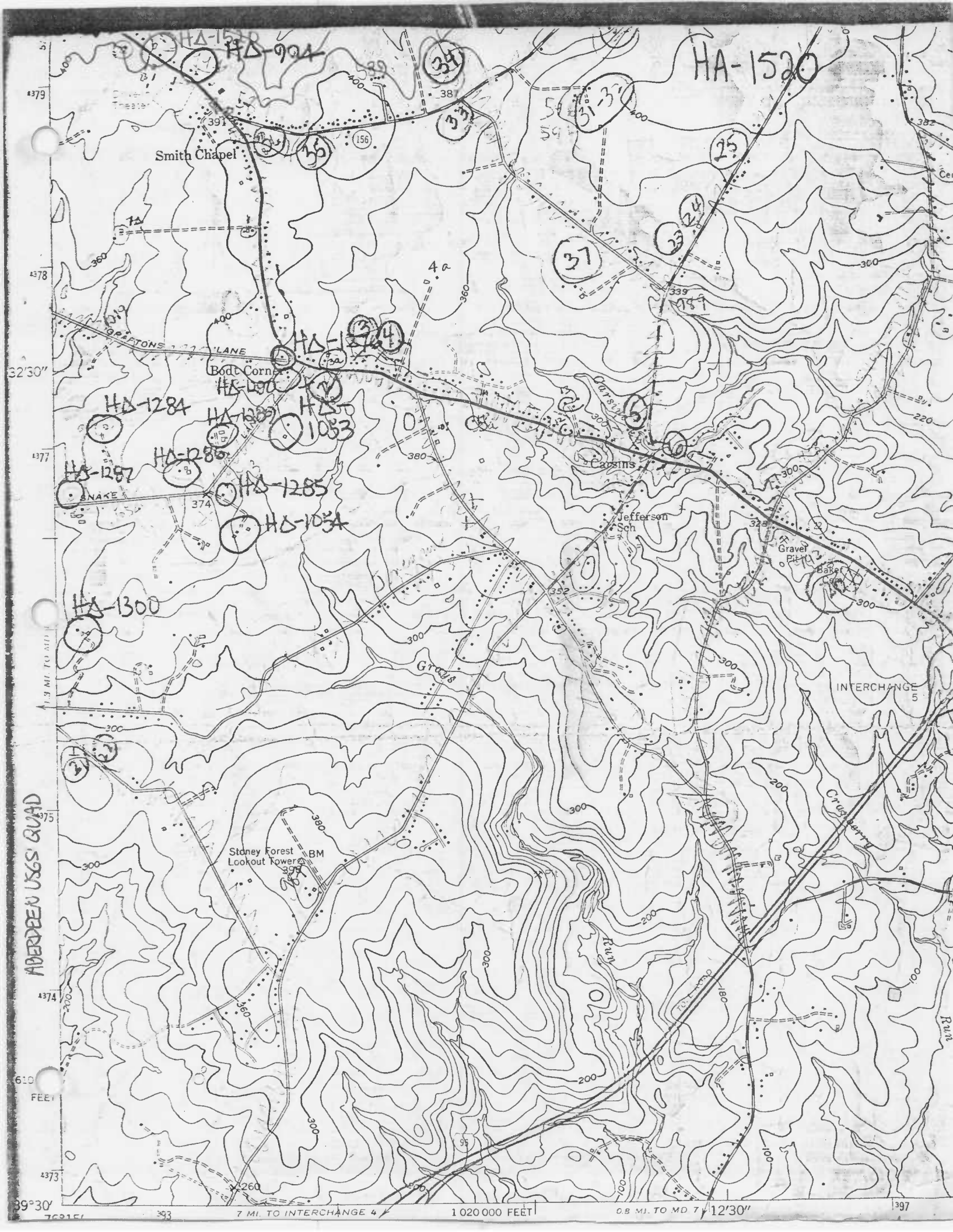
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9B. WSF 100/386	December 7, 1900	Grantor: Wm. H. Harlan, Trust. (Wm. H. Harlan vs. Christopher DeSwan) Grantee: Maud Gorsuch, wife of Dr. W. S. Gorsuch Sum: \$1800
9C. Equity Records WSF 61/416	January 7, 1900	Wm. H. Harlan vs. Christopher DeSwan et al Settlement of estate of Christopher H. DeSwan, Dec. (D. September 23, 1894)
9D. WSF 74/399	October 4, 1892	Grantor: Christopher DeSwan Grantee: Christopher H. DeSwan Sum: Assumption of \$1000 mortgage Acreage: 30 Acres
9E. ALJ 45/256(Mort.)	March 17, 1882	Grantor: Christopher DeSwan Grantee: August Knafler Sum: \$1000 Acreage: Land on which DeSwan now resides - 30 Acres
9F. HDG 34/448	January 24, 1849	Grantor: George & Mary Hoey Grantee: Christopher DeSwan, Jr. Sum: \$1050 Acreage: "Hoey's Purchase" = 30 Acres
9G. HDG 33/321	June 16, 1847	Grantor: Mary Ann Smith Grantee: George Hoey Sum: \$300 Acreage: 30 Acres - "Where Hoey now lives", "Hoeys Purchase"
10A. WSF 100/350	November 10, 1900	Grantor: Fredrika & Edward A. Bodt Grantee: Wm. A. Bodt Sum: \$2000 Acreage: 61 Acres
10B. ALJ 48/367	January 5, 1884	Grantor: John W. Wakeland & wife, Laura V. Laura W. Wakeland of Balto. City Stevenson Archer, Guardian, Edwin Webster Grantee: Fredrika Bodt, wife of Edward A. Bodt Sum: \$3100 Acreage: 61 Acres "Stony Ridge", "Paca's Enlargement"

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10C. ALJ 41/207	June 21, 1880	Grantor: Wm. Woolsey Grantee: Laura V. Wakeland, wife of John W. Sum: \$1161.93 Acreage: "Stony Ridge", "Paca's Enlargement" = 61 Acres
10D. ALJ 39/278	June 5, 1879	Grantor: John W. & Laura V. Wakeland Grantee: Wm. Woolsey Sum: \$1000 Acreage: "Stony Ridge", "Paca's Enlargement" = 61 Acres
10E. ALJ 33/440	June 9, 1876	Grantor: Jane Smith, heir of Wm. & Sarah Smith Grantee: John Wesley Wakeland Sum: \$1500 Acreage: 61 Acres
10F. JLG N/175	December 29, 1796	Grantor: Wm. Ensor of Balto. Co. Blacksmith Grantee: Wm. Smith & wife, Sarah Sum: 175 pounds Acreage: 100 Acres







William A. Bodt House      HA-1520  
Churchville, MD    21028  
Natalie Shivers    11/79  
Southwest



William A. Bodt House      HA-1520  
Churchville, MD      21028  
Natalie Shivers      11/79  
Northeast



William A. Bodt Barn      HA-1520  
Churchville, MD    21028  
Natalie Shivers      11/79  
Northeast





William A. Bodt Barn HA-1520  
Churchville, MD 21028  
Natalie Shivers 11/79  
Southwest



William A. Bodt Shed      HA-1520  
Churchville, MD    21028  
Natalie Shivers    11/79  
Southwest